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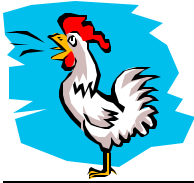
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, unchanged to lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak, except for lighter weights in the Northeast which were about steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, instances better into fast food. Supplies were more balanced in some areas, but elsewhere, fully adequate to ample and competitively priced. In the parts structure, wings, tenders, and giblets continued to clear well. All other items were more than sufficient with breast items in the longest position and discounted. In production areas, live supplies were at least moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/02-10/26/00 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG
Chicago	46.00-50.00	41.00-64.25	48.84
Los Angeles	67.00		
New York	44.00-47.00		
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	61.00-63.00	47.00-65.00	61.94
			82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
588	57.45-62.75	61.41
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)	
BREASTS - B/S	153.50	4,090
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00	1,175
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.00	715
LEG QUARTERS	29.50	7,670
WINGS	67.50	2,639

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand was moderate at best with hopes of improvement as first of the month approaches. Supplies were more balanced to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, wings and tenders were close balanced to short of an active call. The remaining items were adequate to fully sufficient. Trading was light but expected to increase next week due to planned retail ads. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was barely steady to weak with regular commitments at unchanged prices and new negotiations at lower prices. Offerings ample. Buyer interest only fair. Retail demand good to cover features otherwise fair. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Breasts weak other parts steady. Ads noted: Southern California - California grown whole cut-up 69-139 and whole body 49-69, whole legs 79-129, wings 99-129, thighs 69-129, drumsticks 69-129, bone-in breasts 89-128, boneless breasts 188-299, boneless breasts steaks 399, boneless thighs 129-168, boneless leg meat 99-108, cornish hens [twin pack] 139, (one-day sale - chicken tenders 197, leg quarters 39, boneless breasts 189, drumsticks 38, thighs 38); Northern California - California grown whole split 109 and whole 59, whole legs 149, drumsticks 119-149, thighs 119-149, wings 149, bone-in breasts 97, boneless thigh meat 169, roasters 99, cornish hens 149-168, (individually quick frozen in 4 pound bags - boneless breasts 899, drumsticks 349, thighs 349, bone-in breasts 599 and party wings 499).

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority for next week's deliveries into Chicago were 1 to 1.5 cent lower from Monday's final. Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers barely steady, instances weak. Offerings adequate for current trade needs. Movement into all channels was seasonally light to fair at best overall with an occasional moderate noted into a few outlets. Floor stocks mostly balanced to somewhat long with buyers purchasing only for immediate needs. Weights were desirable. Parts trading continued moderate to active on wings and tenders with the remainder of items slow to clear and discounted. Supplies adequate on wings, well cleared on tenderloins and fully adequate on the balance. Trade sentiment fully steady on tenderloins, about steady on wings and barely steady to weak on the remainder of items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate entering the week-end. Offerings of the 3.5 to 4 pound birds were fully adequate to ample. The smaller birds were at least adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was about moderate. The market tone was barely steady to weak on the larger sizes, and the 3 pound and lighter weights were no better than steady. In the parts market, breast items remained ample, and drums had increased in availability. Wings were clearing satisfactorily.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend, but activity remained below overall expectations. Offerings were ample and competitively priced in an effort to stimulate buyer interest, particularly on the over 3 pound sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights varied, and were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy, Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was unsettled and only about steady at best. Wings and giblets continued to clear well. Other cuts were adequate to ample for the light to moderate and selective buying interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	39-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	52.03
NO. OF BOXES	11,006
CUMULATIVE	
	09/25/00-09/29/00
	09/27/99-10/01/99
NO. OF BOXES	55,324
	09/25/00-09/29/00
	09/27/99-10/01/99
	38,652

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPTEMBER 29, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	542	120.00-205.00	135-145	146.60	573	132.00-205.00	135-148	145.16	2,503	147.74
TENDERLOINS	157	215.00-255.00	215-220	220.10	245	200.00-255.00	205-215	215.71	957	220.02
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	70.00-75.00	70-72	73.10	97	72.00-77.00	73-75	75.20	467	74.01
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				390	69.04
LEGS	126	33.00-48.00	33-34	34.35	88	33.00-48.00	34-35	34.36	506	34.17
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	541	24.00-28.00	25-26	25.60	632	24.00-28.00	25-27	25.91	2,636	25.87
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,230	28.00-30.00	29-30	29.28	1,077	28.00-31.00	29-30	29.44	5,697	29.29
WINGS (WHOLE)	98	62.00-67.00	62-64	64.96	86	65.00-68.00	-	66.60	460	65.65
WINGS (CUT)	633	80.00-99.00	80-84	86.17	628	80.00-98.00	80-82	86.92	2,545	85.02
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				62	34.45
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				98	26.86
B/S THIGHS	90	61.00-80.00	-	63.11	50	62.00-80.00	-	65.60	241	64.73

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR SEP 28, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

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TODAY'S**5-DAY****RANGE****AVERAGE****RANGE****AVERAGE****AVERAGE**

46.50 - 49.50

47.80

44.50 - 48.50

46.39

47.46

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity improved entering the weekend, but overall was generally fair to moderate at best. Supplies of breast items remained ample and discounted to entice additional buyer interest. Dark meat items were readily available, particularly drums which were in the longest position. Wings continued to be clearing well, although the strong demand seen earlier in the week had tapered somewhat. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast items and drums, no better than steady on dark meat, and fully steady on wings. PRICES PAID PER LB., ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. SEPTEMBER 29, 2000

SEPTEMBER 28, 2000

CURRENT NEG**WTD****VOL/LBS****CURRENT NEG****WTD****VOL/LBS****WEEKLY****VOL/LBS**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	134.92	734,300	130-135	132.38	706,780	139.71	3,321,680
TENDERLOINS	185-190	214.56	161,320	185-190	214.82	172,900	214.42	807,020
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	67.46	376,760	58-60	68.23	351,320	69.16	1,822,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	59.40	180,000	58	59.84	153,600	62.63	883,720
LEGS	35-36	38.46	220,160	35-36	39.09	275,258	39.21	1,245,778
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	27.16	529,462	27-28	29.47	689,493	28.09	2,685,189
DRUMSTICKS	28-29	36.29	170,940	26-27	36.01	204,630	36.45	833,670
THIGHS	27-28	32.81	187,650	27-28	34.63	184,120	32.93	958,280
B/S THIGHS	77-78	82.90	40,760	77-78	81.47	69,160	82.20	259,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67	73.33	353,040	66-67	75.42	394,120	75.32	1,822,590
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	84,400	10-12	12.04	100,520	12.03	453,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.16	74,160	40-45	43.80	93,840	39.20	403,460
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.78	87,360	55-60	55.05	107,920	54.89	452,750

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	09/29	09/28	09/27	09/26	09/27	09/26	09/22	09/20
ALA	3,904	4,012	3,860	3,948	4.92	5.01	3,922	5.06
ARK	5,394	5,282	4,884	5,147	4.86	4.85	4,883	4.80
DELMARVA	2,407	2,410	2,366	2,397	5.02	5.02	2,538	5.10
KY-LA-TN	1,866	1,853	1,799	1,900	4.30	4.36	1,855	4.35
MISS	2,796	2,822	2,589	2,783	5.12	5.10	3,018	5.02
NC	3,020	2,658	2,633	2,663	5.71	6.01	2,501	5.76
TEXAS	1,978	2,268	2,231	2,120	4.60	4.65	1,793	4.63
TOTAL	21,365	21,305	20,362	20,958	4.96	4.98	20,510	4.97
MON-FRI	105,517(A)				104,200(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29 & 30-Sep 00 is estimated to be 31,964,000 up 2.54 percent from a week ago and down 2.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 32,611,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 30-Sep-00 is estimated to be 152,426,000 head down 1.8 percent from a week ago, and down 1.0 percent from a year ago (Last week 155,155,000 Last year 153,908,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	72
DUCKS	129
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 103-105
	ICE PACK 93-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 106-111
	DRY PACK 112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 94
	DRY PACK 98
DUCKS	149-165

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Sept. 16, 2000 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	30,943	40,852	32,411
Avg Weight	3.77	4.77	6.19
% of total /1	30%	39%	31%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	23,867	18,621	25,522
Avg Weight	3.75	4.78	6.13
% of total /1	35%	27%	38%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,0734	2,288	40,075
Avg Weight	3.84	4.75	6.07
% of total /1	23%	40%	38%
To date/2000	1,228,144	1,226,755	1,490,149
To date/1999	1,192,988	1,143,427	1,507,449

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 23-Sep-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL
CHICKENS HENS HENS HENS DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----

HEAD	155,155 (A)	1,718	1,658	3,376	495
AVG WT	5.03	3.26	7.99	5.58	6.51
LAST WEEK	160,820	1,813	1,570	3,383	405
YR AGO	155,941	1,994	1,657	3,651	506
AVG WT	5.04	3.48	7.72	5.41	6.49
TO-DATE/2000	5,880,556	73,070	54,852	127,922	16,905
TO-DATE/1999	5,762,583	80,116	52,776	132,892	16,827

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157 million head or 6.8 million head more than or 105 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: SEP 26, 2000

	RANGE		RANGE	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.74 -	.82	Silkie	3.00 - 4.25ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.72 -	.80	Geese 9-14 LBS	.20 - .32
Pekin Ducks	.20 -	.42	Pigeons	1.00 - 1.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-.4.5 LBS	.40 -	.56	White Pigeons	1.00 - 1.50ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 -	.86	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.40 - .84
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 -	.94	Rabbits 7-11 LBS	.40 - .72
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.50 -	.92	Bunnies	.25 - 5.50ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.40 -	.86	Guinea Pigs	.50 - 3.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.10 -	1.25	Goats	32.00 - 62.00ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 -	5.50ea.	Kid Goats	18.00 - 35.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 -	3.50ea.	Doves	2.50 - 3.50ea.
Leghorn Hens	.10 -	.22	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.70 - .84
Leghorn Roosters	.30 -	.44		
Total Coops Sold 732				

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 25-SEP-2000

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	64-65
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	58-83 67-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to good. Schedules were full-time to at times limited. Sizes were desirable. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.20, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 25-SEP-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
AUGUST 19	160.5	157.2	102	4.83
26	162.6	154.3	105	4.91
SEPTEMBER 2	159.9	151.1	106	4.80
9	136.5	148.8	92	4.87
16	162.8	149.4	109	4.94
23	157.0	150.2	105	5.03
YEAR TO DATE	5954.5	5849.3	102	
SEPTEMBER 30		150.2		
OCTOBER 7		150.9		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----				
	09/30/00	09/23/00	% CHG	10/02/99	% CHG
Broilers	152,426	155,155*	-02	153,908*	-01
Cattle	702	722	-03	719*	-02
Hogs	1,964	1,911	+03	2,052*	-04
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were generally unchanged on light canners, but trending slightly higher on heavies when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were still sufficient for current requirements. Demand was fair to good. Undertone was mostly steady on lights and fully steady on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24-25 MAJORITY	25.5-27.75 MAJORITY 25.75-27.75

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24.75-25 MAJORITY	26.5-29 MAJORITY 27.25-28.5

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Supplies were sufficient for processors needs as interest was irregular for finished product sales. However, processing schedules will be normal for next week as offerings increased in availability. Demand was still light and unaggressive as canner sales were only fair. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of hens. Finished sales were fair with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were somewhat tighter than the previous week but still in a range of adequate to instances fully adequate. Demand was moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-.25 (2)	.25
(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading		

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to moderate for offerings that were adequate for trade requirements. Supplies of canners were clearing easily but usually reported as still sufficient for needs. The market tone was mostly steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Heavy fowl were adequate for needs. Schedules were full with opinions of value slightly higher as seasonal trading was improved. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked to desired schedules. Offerings irregular.

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